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National Veterans Affairs Recognizes Two Nebraska Employees *Holdrege, Grand Island Health Care Staff Make ‘Hall of Fame’*

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs named two central Nebraska Veterans Health Administration employees to the Feds Feed Families “Hall of Fame.”

Dan Coats, a social worker at the Holdrege, Neb., Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), and Debra Stearley, a nursing coordinator at the VA Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb., were recognized for donating more than 250 pounds or more of goods to the Feds Feed Families program.

Coats donated 326 pounds of goods, which went to the Phelps County Food Bank. Stearley donated 314 pounds of goods, which went to the Generosidad Pantry through the Food Bank for the Heartland.

Feds Feed Families is a national food drive held at federal facilities. The donations went to local food banks in their communities.

Coats and Stearley work for the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System. Employees at the health care system donated a total of 2,561.1 pounds of goods.

The Hall of Fame is a national recognition by both the VA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For more information about the program, visit

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=feds-feed-families>.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System’s mission is to honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O’Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

